Following the directions, the State/UTs were addressed on 10.7.2007 to strictly adhere to the time-frame laid down by the Apex Court.

Cases of sexual harassment

†1670. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of sexual harassment of children in the schools are constantly coming to light in electronic and print media and if so, the position thereof during the last two years;

(b) whether Government have investigated its causes and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action being taken by Government to check the same;

(d) whether Government are considering to make the penal provisions stringent in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House shortly.

Schemes for women and children in rural areas

†1671. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of schemes introduced by Government during. the last three years, for the development of women and children in the rural areas;

(b) the number of women and children covered under these schemes in each State; and

(c) the details of the new schemes for the upliftment of women and children to be implemented by Government during the Eleventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The Ministry of Women and Child Development introduced two schemes namely (i) The Scheme for Working Children in Need of Care and Protection and (ii) Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme for the Children of working Mothers during last three years for the development of Women and Children in the country, including rural areas.

(b) State-wise number of beneficiaries covered under the scheme for Working Children in Need of Care and Protection are available on the Ministry's website (*www.wcd.nic.in*). As regards, Statewise number of beneficiaries covered under Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme for the Children of working Mothers are given in the Statement (*See* below).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.